

DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2015

5-6:30pm

Conference Room A

Department of Administration

Board Members Present: Bill Ferguson, Sheila Dormody, Ken Payne, Charity Pennock, Samuel Bradner

Others Present: Shauna Beland, Ryan Crowley, Tim Faulkner, Linda George, Raquel Webster, Palmer (Last name needed)

Call to Order: Chairman Ken Payne called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

1. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes

Bill Ferguson motioned to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Charity Pennock seconded the motion. All members present approved.

2. Voting on Establishing a Multi-Family Affordable Housing – DG Board Subcommittee

Chairman Payne stated that the name of the group needed to be changed from Multi-Family Affordable Housing – DG Board Subcommittee to Multi-Family Affordable Housing – DG Board Working Group. He stated that the working group will be limited to include up to three members from the board and therefore will not have to act as a public body. He noted that the working group will not have any independent decision making and advise the DG Board.

Ms. Pennock noted that Sharon Conard-Wells wants to be included in the working group and asked if others were interested in participating. Samuel Bradner said he was interested in also participating in the working group. **Ms. Pennock motioned to establish a Multi-Family Affordable Housing – DG Board Working Group. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson. All approved.**

Shauna Beland asked to continue inviting people to join the working group until there were 10-12 individuals. She suggested meeting once a month, likely in the evening.

3. NEXAMP Presentation on Interconnecting Renewable Energy Projects in Rhode Island

Palmer Moore made a PowerPoint presentation to the board. During the presentation Ms. Pennock asked if it should be anticipated that an impact study will take approximately four

months to get done. Mr. Moore said it was a limited data set. Ms. Pennock mentioned the board considered having enrollment in July and she wonders if it would be more beneficial to push the date back. Chris Kearns said OER has been anticipating a 90 day time frame for impact studies to be completed. He also stated that there would be one open enrollment in July for a two week period and an additional enrollment in the fall for the remaining capacity. Ms. Pennock noted that National Grid's Interconnection workshop on April 29 will be helpful for developers.

Mr. Kearns noted that OER and National Grid could push the dates back if that is what the board wishes. Chairman Payne asked if the board had a consensus that the dates should be pushed back. All present board members expressed interest in changing the dates. Mr. Kearns said OER and National Grid would work together to address the administrative details. Raquel Webster said it is a priority for National Grid to have adequate resources to begin this process.

Mr. Moore said that developers will continue pushing interconnection projects, despite the fact that the cap has been met. Mr. Kearns asked Ms. Webster if National Grid could give a presentation to the DG Board regarding staffing levels committed to the DG standard contracts program and compare them to what National Grid anticipates committing to Rhode Island.

4. Updates on the 2015 Renewable Energy Growth Program from the Office of Energy Resources and National Grid

Mr. Kearns reported that the Public Utilities Commission approved the 2015 Renewable Energy Growth Program in March and that National Grid is working to get all of the information on its website. He also asked that the open enrollment period be pushed into August.

Ms. Webster announced that on Thursday May 14 there will be an announcement related to the program. The Governor has been invited. Tim Horan, Commissioner Gold and Chairman Payne will speak. Mr. Kearns suggested the event take place at the East Providence closed landfill project.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment at the conclusion of the meeting.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bradner by Mr. Ferguson. **Meeting Adjourned at 6:09pm.**